Increase in Number of Permanent Members of UN Security Council

2341. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had formally proposed any increase in the number of permanent members of U. N. Security Council;

(b) if so, the precise details of the proposal; and

(c) the response of the other member countries to the same?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINGH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). In his address to the United Nations General Assembly, the External Affairs Minister stated that the UN should examine, as a matter of urgency, the proposals for an expansion of the Security Council to reflect the increased membership of the United Nations and to ensure a more equitable and balanced representation of the members of the United Nations in the Security Council.

(c) A number of countries support the proposal concerning the expansion of the Security Council. The Nonaligned countries have also endorsed this call in their Ministerial level meeting at Accra in September 1991.

Evolving Hybrid Cotton Varieties

2342. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cotton breeders in Indian Agricultural Research Institute have achieved breakthrough in evolving hybrid cotton varieties suitable for cultivation in Northern States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (b). Sir, The Indian Agricultural Research Institute has developed a few inter-specific (*Gosaypium hirsutum X G barbadense*) cotton hybrids, likely to be suitable for cotton wheat double cropping system of North India.

Copper, MICA and Gold Deposits in Tamil Nadu

2343. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether copper mica and gold deposits have been found in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government for their exploitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) *Copper:* Exploration carried out by various State and Central Government agencies in Mamandur multimetal deposit has revealed two are bodies- a sphalerite rich multimetal (copper, lead, zinc, silver) ore body and a chalcopyrite rich ore body. The reserves in sphalerite rich ore body are estimated to be 0.66 million tonnes with an average metal content of about 5.5% zinc, 1.19% copper, 0.45% lead and 4 gms. per tonne silver. The chalcopyrite rich ore body contain 0.13 m.. tonnes of ore with a metal content of 0.62% copper, 0.69% zinc, 0.12% lead.

Mica: Small prospects of mica have been reported in Nilgiri, Trichi, Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem and Kanyakumari districts.

Gold: Exploration carried out by Geological Survey of India in Adakonda in